

THE DIVINE AND THE UNDIVINE

and true secret as other, subtler, deeper
than their
outward meaning and phenomenal
appearance
which is all that can normally be caught
by our
present intelligence: but we cannot be
content
with that belief, to search for and find
the spiritual
key of things is the law of our being. The
sign
of the finding is not a philosophic
intellectual
recognition and a resigned or sage
acceptance of
things as they are because of some
divine sense and
purpose in them which is beyond us; the
real sign
is an elevation towards the spiritual
knowledge
and power which will transform the law
and
phenomena and external forms of our
life nearer
to a true image of that divine sense and
purpose.
It is right and reasonable to endure with
equanimity
suffering and subjection to defect as the
immediate
will of God, a present law of
imperfection laid on
our members, but on condition that we
recognise
it also as the will of God in us to
transcend evil
and suffering, to transform imperfection
into
perfection, to rise into a higher law of
Divine
Nature. In our human consciousness
there is the
image of an ideal truth of being, a divine
nature.[^]
an incipient godhead: in relation to that
higher

truth our present state of imperfection
can be
relatively described as an undivine life
and the
conditions of the world from which we
start as
undivine conditions; the imperfections
are the
indication given to us that they are there
as first
disguises, not as the intended
expression of the
divine being and the divine nature. It **is**
a Power